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LETTER DATED 15 JUNE 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement by the Presidency of the European Union on the situation in Guinea-Bissau, issued on 8 June 1998.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: English and French]

Statement on the situation in Guinea-Bissau issued on 8 June 1998 by the Presidency of the European Union

The Presidency, on behalf of the European Union, strongly condemns the attempted military coup by some elements of the armed forces against the duly elected democratic institutions and representatives of Guinea-Bissau.

The European Union wishes to stress that, within a democracy, disputes should only be settled in compliance with democratic principles.

The European Union calls for the rapid re-establishment of constitutional order and security in Guinea-Bissau to prevent further bloodshed, and commends the efforts made by the Guinea-Bissau authorities to avoid any further loss of civilian lives and to ensure protection to all European Union nationals residing in Guinea-Bissau.

The European Union will continue to follow closely events in Guinea-Bissau.